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FIFTH ANNUAL STUDENT SERVICE AWARD WILL HONOR LOCAL HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS

The City of Tucson Human Relations Commission (HRC) is seeking nominations for the Ray Davies Student Service Award, which will be presented to three Tucson-area high school seniors in the 2013 graduating class.

The award honors seniors who have best exhibited qualities of leadership, community service, compassion for others, and who have encouraged mutual respect among diverse groups. The HRC will select three students who embody these values through school and/or community activities and involvement in worthwhile causes.

The HRC nomination form, two letters of recommendation, and a letter from the nominee must be submitted for consideration. Complete details and the form are available by calling Lindsey O'Neill, City Clerk's Office, at 791-4213, or email: Lindsey.O'Neill@tucsonaz.gov. The deadline for delivery or postmark is 5 p.m., April 8, 2013.

Ray Davies, for whom the award is named, is a Tucson educator and former long-time member of the HRC. Davies is also known nationally for his dedication to and support of numerous humanitarian causes in Tucson, statewide, and beyond.

The winning students and all nominees will be honored at a special event on Wednesday, May 8, 2013. The event will also be an opportunity to contribute to the Rosa Parks Scholarship Fund, which was inaugurated by the Human Relations Commission. Funds may be donated at any time and are administered by the Community Foundation for Southern Arizona.

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